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that, if the Magistrates' Court was restored to Parassala, the Magistrate might be entrusted with the powers of a Munsiff.

*Dewan's reply.*—Noted.

TRIVANDRUM TALUK.

***129. Taxation of houses in the town of Trivandrum.***

*Mr. S. B. Marse* (Member, T. I. C. Trivandrum) raised strong objections to the taxation of houses in the town of Trivandrum. He said that the taxation proposed was detrimental to the welfare and interests of the people and unnecessary and uncalled for. He also submitted that, according to the assessment list prepared for house tax, the amount arrived at was not encouraging, and he was sure that it would in no way help to meet the pressing demands they had at present for the construction of urinals and latrines. He pointed out that the new taxation would tend to the creation of a hue and cry from the general public of the town. He prayed therefore that the proposed taxation might be dropped and that the cost that would be incurred on behalf of public urinals and latrines might be borne exclusively by Government as hitherto.

*Dewan's reply.*—Noted.

NEDUMANGAD TALUK.

***130. Repairing and constructing irrigation tanks and reservoirs in the taluk.***

*Mr. Kanakku Mathevan Mathevan* (Member, Nedumangad Taluk) suggested that half the cost of repairing and constructing irrigation tanks and reservoirs in the taluk should be borne by Government, the other half being defrayed by the ryots themselves.

*Dewan's reply.*—The question of irrigation in the taluk has been postponed, not because we want to squeeze out some contributions from the people, but because our hands are full of work and the D. P. W. are unable to take up more work. Each taluk has to be taken up one by one and the necessary investigation conducted. Plans and estimates will then have to be prepared and sanctioned. Each block will, after that, have to be taken up and work commenced. All this will take time.

CHIRAYINKIL TALUK.

***131. Opening of an Agricultural School and an Agricultural Demonstration Farm at Attingal.***

*Mr. S. Harihara Aiyar* ( Member, Chirayinkil Taluk ) suggested the opening of an Agricultural School and a Demonstration Farm to benefit a large proportion of the boys that were studying in the Elementary Schools of the higher grade. He also suggested the provision of some arrangement in every school and farm, by which the ryots —the adult population—might be brought together on some

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fixed days and given some lessons on the inproved methods of agriculture, and the work done in the Demonstration Farm might be shown to them by way of practical illustration. He suggested that a Demonstration Farm might be opened at Attingal, with arrangements for periodical lectures.

*Dewan's reply.*—Noted.

*132. A Stationary Magistrate for the Chirayinkil taluk.*

*Mr. S. Harihara Aiyar* (Member, Chirayinkil Taluk) requested that a Stationary Magistrate might be appointed for the Chirayinkil taluk, with powers, if necessary, to take cognizance of First Class cases arising within the neighbouring taluk of Nedumangad.

*Dewan's reply.*—Noted.

The consideration of all the subjects being over, Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla (Member, Kottayam Taluk) spoke as follows:—

SIR,

On behalf of the Representatives assembled at this Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, I beg you to be kind enough to convey to His Highness, our Gracious Maha Raja, our feeling of unswerving loyalty and devotion to His Gracious Highness' person and our heartfelt gratitude for the manifold blessings we enjoy under His Gracious Highness' beneficent rule.

We beg also to give fervent expression to our sincere admiration for your imperturbable patience and kind consideration for all of us and for our representations. We are confident that our shortcomings, which have tried and taxed your kindness, will be magnanimously forgiven.

We are particularly grateful for the extension of the privilege granted to this Assembly to elect members for the Legislative Council and especially so for the quickness and readiness with which the approbation of our recommendations has been so kindly communicated to us.

This is not the occasion to allude to all the general questions of policy adopted by the Government, but we cannot omit to mention here the benevolent provision now made for free primary education and the readiness to reorganise the Religious and Charitable Institutions of the State, as also the promise made that the improvement in the financial condition of the State will be utilised for improving the condition of the people.

We have heard with high expectation the intention of the Government to revise the constitution of the Assembly

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